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Expressing concern about the deterioration of human rights in Cambodia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEREUTER (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. BURTON, and Mr. SANFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing concern about the deterioration of human rights
in Cambodia.

Whereas the Paris Peace Accords of 1991 and the successful national elections of 1993 ended two decades of civil war and genocide in Cambodia, demonstrated the commitment of the Cambodian people to democracy and stability, and established a national constitution guaranteeing fundamental human rights;

Whereas since 1991 the international community has contributed more than \$3,000,000,000 to peacekeeping and national reconstruction in Cambodia and currently provides over 40 percent of the budget of the Cambodian Government;

Whereas recent events in Cambodia, including the arrest and exile of former Foreign Minister Prince Sirivudh, the ex-

pulsion of the former Finance Minister Sam Rainsy from the government coalition FUNCINPEC Party and the National Assembly, a grenade attack against the independent Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party of Cambodia, and mob attacks against pro-opposition newspapers, suggest that Cambodia is sliding back into a pattern of violence and repression;

Whereas rampant official corruption in the Cambodian Government has emerged as a major cause of public dissatisfaction, which in turn has resulted in the government crackdown against these outspoken opposition politicians and the press;

Whereas heroin traffic in and through Cambodia has become so widespread that Cambodia may soon be added to the Department of State's list of major narcotics trafficking countries;

Whereas the desire to cite Cambodia as a success story for United Nations peacekeeping and international cooperation has stifled the expression of concern about deteriorating human rights conditions in Cambodia; and

Whereas conditions in Cambodia have deteriorated since the House of Representatives passed House Bill 1642 on July 11, 1995, which grants Cambodia unconditional most favored nation trading status: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) urges the Secretary of State to make
3 human rights concerns among the primary objectives
4 in bilateral relations with Cambodia;

5 (2) urges the Secretary of State to closely monitor
6 preparations for upcoming Cambodian elections

1 in 1996 and 1998 and attempt to secure the agree-
2 ment of the Cambodian Government to full and
3 unhindered participation of international observers
4 for these elections;

5 (3) urges the Secretary of State to support the
6 continuation of human rights monitoring in Cam-
7 bodia by the United Nations, including monitoring
8 through the office of the United Nations Center for
9 Human Rights in Phnom Penh and monitoring by
10 the Special Representative of the United Nations
11 Secretary General for Human Rights in Cambodia;

12 (4) urges the Secretary of State to encourage
13 Cambodia's other donors and trading partners to
14 raise human rights concerns with Cambodia;

15 (5) supports efforts by the United States to
16 provide assistance to Cambodia to broaden demo-
17 cratic civil society, to strengthen the rule of law and
18 to ensure that future elections in Cambodia are free
19 and fair; and

20 (6) urges that the United States raise human
21 rights concerns at the June 1996 meeting of the Do-
22 nor's Consultative Meeting for Cambodia and during
23 consideration of projects in Cambodia to be financed
24 by international financial institutions.

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